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Sir:

The undersigned has received a copy of a European Search Report dated October 3, 2005 and citing the following documents:

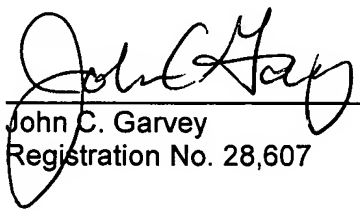
1. European Search Report for Application No. EP 03 25 6638.2 dated October 5, 2005;
2. Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 59007525, January 14, 1984; and
3. DE 92 18 090, October 21, 1993 (without English translation).

It is requested that the enclosed documents be placed in the file for the above-identified application.

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